

REMARKS

Election

Applicant hereby elects Examiner designated group II, claims 9-14 and 40-53 for prosecution at this time. Although not elected at this time, it is requested that the non-elected claims (Group I, claims 1-8 and 27-29; Group III, claims 15-20; Group IV, claims 21-26; and Group V, claims 30-39) be permitted to remain in the application, although not examined, for possible future presentation by way of divisional application, for example.

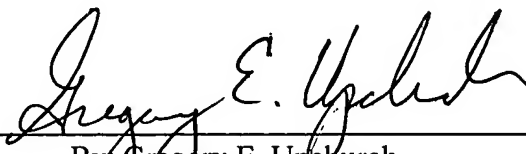
Conclusion

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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